



Message from the Mayor's Office

2016 Open Enrollment Deadlines Health Insurance Signup Reminder

The Open Enrollment period for Obamacare health insurance in 2016 is **November 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016**. Critical deadlines are:

November 1, 2015: Open Enrollment begins. Apply for or change your coverage.

- **December 15, 2015:** Deadline in order to have coverage that begins on January 1, 2016 (if you apply on December 16 you're coverage will most likely not start until February 1).
- **December 31, 2015:** Coverage ends for 2015 plans. You will be auto-renewed if you don't change your plan.

January 31, 2016: This is the last day you can apply for 2016 coverage before the end of Open Enrollment.

If you miss this window you cannot enroll until the Marketplace re-opens in November 2016 unless you have a special "life event" such as having a baby or losing your job. This is designed to prevent people from taking advantage of the system by enrolling and dropping insurance multiple times a year when they only get sick.

If you don't enroll in Obamacare in 2016, you'll be fined 2.5% of your income or \$695 per adult, whichever is higher.

Individuals and children living in poverty can enroll at anytime in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). There is no enrollment period for these programs, but there are income restrictions and other qualifiers.

Coverage start dates March 1

If you enroll before the 15th of any month, your coverage starts the first day of the next month. If you enroll after the 15th of the month, you'll have to wait until the month after that for your coverage to start. So, for example, if you enroll on January 16, your coverage would start on March 1.

**Mayor/Council Meeting,
Wednesday January 20, 2016 8:00p.m.
Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting,
Monday February 1, 2016 7:30p.m.**

Community Update from Police Department	2
Community Update from the Mayor's Office	1
Community News	3

Police Department

Stewart Russell, Chief of Police

Latessa Crawford, Police Clerk

(301) 839-4040 (301) 839-1122 fax

(Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200

Eastover District IV Police

(301) 749-4900

Code Enforcement

**Rick Smith 301-839-4040 ext.
1228**

Public Works Director

**Stanley Mosley,
301 839-1030 ext. 1231**

Public Works Lead

**Omar Lewis
301 839-1030 ext. 1226**

Forest Heights Municipal Building

Located behind McDonalds

5508 Arapahoe Drive

Forest Heights MD, 20745

www.forestheightsmd.gov

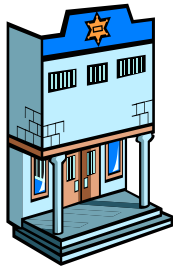
FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all of the citizens of Forest Heights, Maryland. We at the FHPD plan to continue growing as we move forward in 2016. As we enter the severe weather era, I ask that you all keep a "close eye" on our elderly community (heat, clothing, food). Also, as a reminder, auto thefts are on the rise due to the fact that citizens habitually exit their homes, start up their vehicles in effort to "warm it up", and go back inside. Unfortunately, a lot of citizens come out minutes later to an empty driveway. These actions make it easy for even a novice car thief to commit his crime of choice. Please be reminded that it is against the law to leave an unattended vehicle running with the keys in the ignition (Maryland Transportation Article) Section 21 Paragraph 1101a (\$70.00 fine / 1 point). As to inclement weather, please remember at times, "Snow Emergency Route" enforcement will be necessary. If in the event of a large snow fall, please attempt to park on the side of the **street lights**. This will assist the plows in clearing the streets expeditiously. Again, the men and women of the FHPD wish you and yours a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year.

Col. S.W. Russell, Chief, FHPD

POLICE STATION 5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE



This Station is Opened to the Public

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Town Hall Station 301-839-4040

(Emergency) 911

(Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200

Forest Heights Police Department December 2015 All Calls For Service

ASSIST CITIZEN	1	DISPUTE BETWEEN PERSONS	2	SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S)(CDS)	1
ASSIST FIRE DEPT/EMS	2	DOMESTIC DISPUTE	1	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	5
ASSIST MOTORIST	2	FRAUD	1	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (OCCUPIED)	1
ASSIST OTHER UNIT (TRAFFIC)	1	INVESTIGATION	1	THEFT (SHOPLIFTING)	1
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY	3	MISSING PERSON	1	THREATS COMPLAINT	2
AUTO THEFT	1	MISSING PERSON (RETURNED)	2	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	5
BURGLAR ALARM (RESIDENTIAL)	2	NOTIFICATION	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	1
CHECK ON THE WELFARE	1	OFFICER IN TROUBLE	1	TRAFFIC CONTROL	1
CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT	1	PROPERTY DAMAGE	1	TRESPASSER	1
CUSTOMER DISPUTE	1	SOUND OF GUN SHOTS	2	WARRANT SERVICE	3
DISORDERLY SUBJECT(S)	2	SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S)	10	Total Calls Handled:	61

Town Community News

Forest Heights Green Team



Are you interested in saving our planet, helping the Oxon Run or reducing your carbon footprint? If so, join us and be part of our Forest Heights Green Team. All are welcome!

Please call Ms. Bonita Anderson at 301-839-1030 for the upcoming meeting date.

Black History Month 2016 begins on Saturday, February 1, and ends on Friday, February 28, 2016

What are your Themes for African-American History Month?

Many observe African American History Month, which some call Black History Month. Let us know what you are doing; email shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov or mail to 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights MD 20745



Get your Town of Forest Heights information electronically!

Receive: Updates on upcoming events, meeting notices, public safety notices/alerts, ect. it is easy to sign-up; just visit us at www.forestheightsmd.gov to start receiving information electronically from the town of forest heights, or call the Town Administrative Office at 301-839-1030 for assistance.



STREET LIGHTS IN FOREST HEIGHTS

PEPCO is responsible for street lighting repair and outage. For quicker response, residents are encouraged to report outages by visiting (www.pepco.com). Click on the option **CONNECT WITH US: REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE**, and be sure to have the nearest address and pole number of the light that is out also include an email address.

You may also continue to report outages to the Town Hall call 301-839-1030.

The Code Enforcement Division Monthly Reminder

Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can cause serious illness and death if a leak goes undetected. Carbon Monoxide Detectors are an inexpensive “must have” for your home to ensure the safety of the entire family.

- Install Carbon Monoxide detectors (make sure they are approved by a recognized laboratory) inside your home to provide warning of accumulating Carbon Monoxide. Carbon Monoxide detectors should be installed in a central location outside of each sleeping area;
- Test your Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Smoke Alarms at least once a month;
- Be sure to replace Carbon Monoxide Detectors based on manufacturer’s instructions;
- Never use the oven to heat your home;
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, fireplace, and stove are clear of snow build-up after snow storms;
- Be sure to thoroughly clean dryer vents once a year. Clean out the lint filter of your dryer after each use.



RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Keep the green going through the holiday season by recycling your live Christmas tree!

Starting Dec. 28, 2015 through Jan. 29, 2016, recycle your cut, unbagged and undecorated Christmas tree in the County's Christmas Tree Recycling Program. Place your tree at curbside by 6:30 a.m. on your regularly scheduled yard waste collection day. Residents may also bring unadorned trees, free of charge to the following locations for recycling:

Brown Station Road Public Convenience Center
3501 Brown Station Road
Upper Marlboro, MD
Monday through Saturday
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Prince George's County Yard Waste Composting Facility
6601 Southeast Crain Highway
Upper Marlboro, MD
Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

SOURCE REDUCTION TIP: Save bows, wrapping paper and boxes for future gifts!

Community Healthy Heights Tips

The Forest Heights Healthy Living

Program invites you to

A health seminar on:



Thursday January 28, 2016 @ 1-2pm

Location: Forest Heights Municipal Building

5508 Arapahoe Drive

Forest Heights, MD 2074

Are you doing all you can
for your Health?



Seniors Exercise Classes

**Monday and Wednesday,
Class Begins at**

12:00 noon

**Join us and Make 2016 a
Health Priority Year**

Seniors on Stage Auditions

Are you a Prince George's County senior 60 & better who is a talented singer? We invite you to audition for a special springtime show, Seniors on Stage that will take place on March 30. For audition guidelines and to register to audition, please call 301-446-3400. **Free** to 60 & Better Prince George's Ballroom 2411 Pine brook Avenue, Landover 20785 301-446-3400; TTY 301-699-2544.

The Forest Heights Healthy Living Program invites you to a health seminar on:



Monday, January 11, 2016 @1-2 PM

Forest Heights Municipal Building

5508 Arapahoe Drive

Forest Heights, MD 20745

For information contact Mrs. Turner at 202-330-3043 or email Turnerkchar@aol.com

Town Community News (continued)

Eugene W. Grant
Email: eugenewgrant@gmail.com

For Immediate Release: Monday, December 30, 2015

Political, Religious, Civic Leaders, Police and Rap Artists Hold Press Conference about the March to Stop The Violence

SEAT PLEASANT, MD – Organizers for The **Stop the Violence** March and Forum will hold a kick-off Press Conference on **Monday, January 4, 2016, 10:00 am – 11:15 am** at the Headquarters of CASA De Maryland 8151 15th Ave, Langley Park, MD 20783. Organized by the Global Developmental Services for Youth, Inc. and a multicultural group of political, religious, civic, labor, police and entertainment leaders from Prince George's County; the Press Conference will outline the goals of the March, share details of the year-long campaign and allow key constituent groups discuss their involvement.

America is seeing increased violent acts in our communities. In Prince George's County, Maryland, the home of the most affluent and intellectual blacks per capita, overall crime has reduced by 17%, but violent crime has spiked. In 2014, there were 54 homicides. So far this year, Prince George's County has seen 73 homicides, and the year isn't over. Violent acts go unreported daily in homes, neighborhoods, schools, businesses and even some churches. Violence appears to have become a normal way of life. Violence is the number one problem of our times.

In an October 1, 2015, White House briefing, President **Barrack H. Obama** stated, "We have become numb to this." His statements came after a gunman killed 9 people and injured 7 more in Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon. "Well, [WE] have heard our President and The March intends to send a strong message that we want the violence to stop in Prince George's County," said Mayor **Eugene W. Grant**, and President of the 27 year old youth organization; who called for the countywide March. "We are pleased with the overwhelming support of our message and with those who have decided to join the march and do something to **Stop The Violence**."

Among the growing list of confirmed speakers for the Press Conference will include the Prince George's County Council, Prince George's County Public Safety Agencies, Representatives from the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee, **Bob Ross**, President of Prince George's Chapter of the NAACP, **Gustavo Torres**, Executive Director for CASA De Maryland, **MacArthur Bishop**, President of the Prince George's Chapter of SCLC, Pastor **Anthony G. Maclin**, President the Collective Empowerment Group; **Fat Trel**, Major Rap Artist with Maybach Music Group; **Darnell Jackson**, President Boss Entertainment; Pastor **Charles McNeill**, Co-Chair Business and Clergy Alliance; Mr. **Jim Estepp**, President Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable; **Maurice Simpson**, President of the Young Democrats; Dr. **Valencia Campbell**, Prince George's County Drug Policy Coalition and many more. (This list will be updated daily on the website www.pgcastv.org)

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Stop The Violence** March and Forum is the beginning of a yearlong campaign that seeks to raise awareness about all forms of violence, promotes sustainable prevention programs, and advertises successful intervention services for Prince George's County residents. The March has a three-pronged approach: to *Enlighten*, *Educate* and *Empower*. The March is designed to *enlighten* residents about the issues and impacts of violence through the March. The Forum is to *educate* the public on ways to identify violent tendencies and resources that may help them. The yearlong campaign will *empower* the people through a series of workshops, seminars and classes.

The official website for the Martin Luther King, Jr. **Stop The Violence** March and Forum is www.pgcastv.org.

What are you doing for others?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The King Holiday honors the life and contributions of America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality, the leader who not only dreamed of a color-blind society, but who also lead a movement that achieved historic reforms to help make it a reality.

On this day we commemorate Dr. King's great dream of a vibrant, multiracial nation united in justice, peace and reconciliation; a nation that has a place at the table for children of every race and room at the inn for every needy child. We are called on this holiday, not merely to honor, but to celebrate the values of equality, tolerance and interracial sister and brotherhood he so compellingly expressed in his great dream for America.

Town Community News (continued)

The Town Clerk Monthly Reminder

MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE

THE ELECTION WILL BE FOR

TOWN ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNCILPERSON IN WARDS, I, II & III

TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2016

YOUR POLLING PLACE

Forest Heights Municipal Building 5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights, MD 20745

In accordance with Section 33-31 of the Forest Heights Town Charter persons may be nominated for elective office in the Town by filing a certificate of nomination together with a statement of the particular office to which he aspires, with the Town Clerk on or before the first Wednesday in February preceding the Town election. Such certificate shall state (1) the office for which the person is seeking, (2) the name and signature of the candidate, (3) the ward in which the person resides, (4) a statement the he meets the qualifications for the office as contained in this charter. No person shall file for nomination to more than one elective Town public office or hold more than one elective Town public office at any one time. The Town Board of Elections shall review each certificate of nomination and shall certify that the candidate meets the qualifications contained in this Charter. Any certificate of a candidate, that the Board's judgment does not meet the stated qualifications, shall be returned to the candidate with the reasons for the return stated thereon.

Certificate of Nominations may be obtained from the Municipal Building.

Qualifications: Candidates shall have resided in the Wards of the Town they represent for at least one year immediately preceding their election, shall be qualified voters of the Town, and shall maintain a permanent residence in the Town during their term of office.

If you have recently moved into Forest Heights from somewhere else in Prince George County or moved from one Ward to another Ward you must provide the County Board of Elections Supervisor with your new address or if you have never registered to vote in Prince George County, a voter registration application must be submitted to your local board of elections or the State Board of Elections at any time. However, applications must be postmarked by **January 26, 2016**, to vote in the Town Election.

Registration applications may be obtained from the Municipal Building in Forest Heights. For any additional information regarding election registration, please contact the Town Clerk or the Prince George County Board of Elections at (301) 430-8020.

Absentee Voters may make an application in writing for an absentee ballot. The application must be received no later than 7 days before the election. The application shall contain an affidavit, which need not be under oath, but which shall set forth the information required. Please contact the Town Clerk of Forest Heights for additional information.

DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 4:30 PM

ALL CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK (ONLY)

Taking a phrase from President John F. Kennedy's inauguration speech "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country" and inserting the words 'Town of Forest Heights'. We must all participate in our town government, by serving as elected officials, participating in decision making, by serving on committees and boards, attending town meetings and most importantly by voting on Election Day. Let all of the citizens' work together to make Forest Heights a Town we are proud to live in.

MAYOR/COUNCIL WORKSHOP & MAYOR/COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

- **Workshops are held on the first (1st) Monday of the month.**
- **Council Legislative Meetings are held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of the month.**

Meetings are open to the public. Call-in questions and comments are accepted during Business hours 8:30a.m.-5:00p.m. by calling:(301) 839-1030.

All MEETINGS ARE VIDEO LIVE ON FH COMMUNITY VIDEO.

Town Community News (continued)

The Town of Forest Heights is pleased to announce that there were 26 completed projects under the Weatherization Assistance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE THAT PARTICIPATED!

Now we are ready for round four, please see below information:

The Weatherization Assistance Program

Are you having difficulty paying your energy bills?

Does your home need energy efficiency retrofits?

According the US Dept. of Energy, "checking a home's insulation is one of the fastest and most cost effective ways to use a whole-house approach to reduce energy waste and make the most of your energy dollars."

The Collaboration of Towns is once again offering low to moderate income household's renovation, rehabilitation in conjunction with weatherization.

Homeowner must meet income criteria and be willing to provide documentation that income is BELOW the following:

Income Table Household

(Veterans and/or Retired Homeowners will be given preference)

1 person: income below \$63,900,000

2 people: income under \$73,000

3 people: income under \$82,100

The following make the home ineligible for this opportunity:

Had an energy audit within the past 6 months; Aggressive dogs not being safely handled; Drug use;

Threats to auditor; Home is sealed too tight resulting in the inability of fumes to escape through natural ventilation;

Major roof issues; Major plumbing problems; Gas leak; Structurally inadequate; Rental property;

Plaster ceiling (which needs a hatch cut to blow insulation into the attic).

Please contact Bonita Anderson (301) 839-1030 to request that your house be submitted for consideration for this opportunity.



IS YOUR CHILD FREE ON SATURDAYS?

FOREST HEIGHTS HAS A CHEER & DANCE PROGRAM "LIMITLESS ALL STARZ" EVERY SATURDAY 10:30-1:00 PM

SCHOLARSHIP for High School Senior. Do You Need Money for School? Check out Superscholar.org Over 50 Great College Scholarship for 2015-2016 here just a list of some.

GE-Reagan Foundation

Carson Scholars

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign affairs

Buick Achievers

Create-A-Greeting Card

Poster Contest for High School Students

Optimist International

Harry S. Truman

Superscholar.org

Be Sure To Give Credit Where Credit is Due

If you haven't already filed your 2015 tax forms, be sure to note that you live in a municipality, specifically, the "Town of Forest Heights" in "Prince George's County." Otherwise, tax revenues meant for our Town and County might go to the State instead. Making this clarification will neither raise or lower your state income taxes. The local income tax is calculated as a percentage of your taxable income. Local officials set the rates, which range between 1.25% and 3.20% for the current tax year. You should report your local income tax amount 29 of Form 502. Your local income tax is based on where you live—not where you work, or where your tax preparer is located. Be sure to use the correct rate for the local jurisdiction in which you live. The income tax rate for 2014 and 2015 in the "Local Tax Area" of Prince George's County is .0320.

MARYLAND FORM 502	RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN	 135090049	2015
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING _____ 2015, ENDING _____			
Your Social Security Number _____		Spouse's Social Security Number _____	
Your First Name _____ Initial _____			
Your Last Name _____			
Spouse's First Name _____ Initial _____			
Spouse's Last Name _____			
Current Mailing Address (PO Box, number, street and apt. no.) _____		Maryland County _____ City, Town or Voting Area _____ <small>Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you resided on the last day of the taxable period. (See instructions 4.)</small>	

*****EWCWSS****

Local Forest Heights
Post Customer

PRSWRT STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID

Town Community News (continued)

**Trash/Recycle Collection is to be Placed at the Curb
the Night before Collection**



PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY—Recycle & Trash

Yard Waste will be Picked Up on Wednesday

THURSDAY—Bulk

**Call a head for METAL PICK-UP *Metal placed on the
curb will be picked***

up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00

Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each

Stay Connected

Town Meetings Now Available Online

Don't miss out on the latest community news, events and projects! Our Town meetings are now available for viewing at [FH Community Video](#), and check us out on [Forest Heights Facebook](#). May we have your email address? The Town is continuing to develop its residential Email list to inform residents of activities, events, and news in and around the Town. Please contact Town Hall 301-839-1030, with your name and email address or send it to: shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov

Forest Heights Community Room open for RENT the Town Hall is a functional, spacious venue that boasts hardwood floors, special event and natural lights, small banquets facilities, audio visual amenities, and a main stage, perfect for your meetings, and special events.

The room accommodates 120 guests for banquets and 160 for theatre seating. To view the facility or reserve the space, contact our rental events coordinator, Sherletta Hawkins at 301-839-1030 or shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov

Forest Heights Notary

9 am - 4 pm Monday - Friday

Notary is \$2 per document

301-839-1030

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236

8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

www.forestheightsmd.gov

Mayor Jacqueline Goodall—ext. 1223
jacquelinegoodall@msn.com

TOWN COUNCIL

Ward I

C. Lynn Smith-Barnes—ext. 1301
ward1handinhand@aol.com

Robert Barnes —ext. 1303
RBarnes@forestheightsmd.gov

Ward II

Jonathon Kennedy II— ext. 1304
jwkennedy2@yahoo.com

Cynthia Mann— ext. 1305
CMann@forestheightsmd.gov

Ward III

Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad— ext.1300
ward3muhammad@yahoo.com

Brian McLaurin—ext 1302
bmrides@msn.com

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Vern Haefele,

Town Administrator— ext. 1234
VHaefele2010@gmail.com

Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk—ext. 1233
BAnderson@forestheightsmd.gov

Sherletta Hawkins,
Administrative Assistant—ext. 1229
SHawkins@forestheightsmd.gov

Leittia Vaughn, Town Treasurer—ext. 1235
LVaughn@forestheightsmd.gov

**Are you Getting your Monthly
Newsletters? If you or someone you
know in Forest Heights has not
received the Newsletter, Please contact
the Town office during Business hours.
(301) 839-1030.**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR JANUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 HAPPY NEW YEARS TOWN HALL CLOSED	2
3	4 MAYOR/COUNCIL MEETING, 7:30PM Senior Exercise Classes 12-1pm Trash/Recycle Pickup	5	6 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1pm	7 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less	8 Learn how to walk, talk, and carry yourself with confidence as girls partake in activities to help boost their self-esteem 1901 Kent Village Drive Landover 7:30pm Girls Up All Night and participate in exciting games, engaging workshops, dancing, and art activities. 10-17 (girls only) 5300 Temple Hill Road, Temple Hills, -894-6616; TTY 301-699-2544	9 Narrative in Black Identity 9652 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 10-5pm
10	11 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1pm Trash/Recycle Pickup Seniors Classes & Seminars Features Medicaid & Medicare 1:00pm	12	13 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1pm Brown Bag Lunch Series, 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park, 12:00pm	14 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less	15	16
17	18 CLOSED No Trash/Recycle Pickup	19	20 MAYOR/COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING 8:00PM Senior Exercise Classes 12-1pm	21 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less	22	23
24 <hr/> 31	25 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1pm Trash/Recycle Pickup	26 Last Day to postmark to the State board of Election to vote in the Town Election.	27 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1pm	28 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less Forest Heights Natures Path to Health & Wellness Seminars 1-2pm	29 Last Day to Recycle your Christmas Tree	30

2016 Official Town Holidays

(Town of Forest Heights Offices Will be CLOSED on the Following Holidays).

- New Year's Day – Friday, January 1
- Martin Luther King's Birthday – Monday January 18
- President Day – Monday, February 15
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 30
- Independence Day – Monday, July 4
- Labor Day – Monday, September 5
- Veteran's Day – Friday, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 24
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 25
- Christmas Day – December 25 (observed on Monday, December 26)